GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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FACILITIES TO DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the adequacy or otherwise of the facilities provided to the disabled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to improve the lot of disabled and to help them come up as self reliant citizens with dignity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) A number of schemes and programmes are being implemented for education, training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities through the National Institutes, Composite Rehabilitation Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are also assisted under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities (Umbrella Scheme) and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP). Soft loans are also provided by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) for self-employment ventures. In addition, various States are also providing facilities and concessions like pension, unemployment allowance, transport subsidies, etc. The efficacy of these schemes and programmes is reviewed from time to time at various levels.